

ELUSIVE EUROPEAN MONSTERS

A GUIDE TO AQUATIC MONSTERS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM



1 SELKIE

Seal by sea and sheds its skin to walk on land in human form. This creature comes from the Irish and Scottish and Faroese folklore to keep their women cautious of men from the sea.



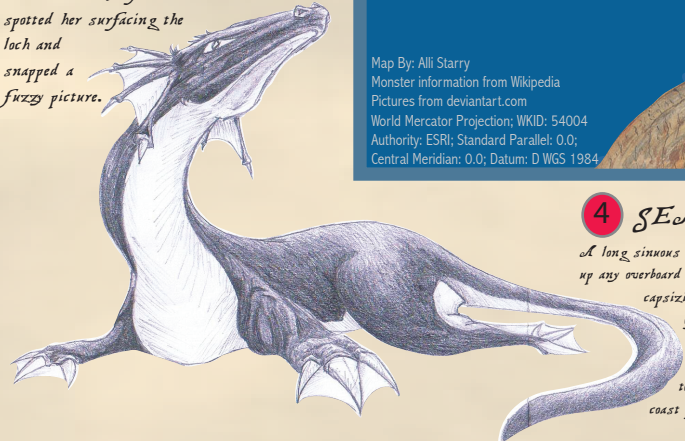
2 THOUKAL

A shapeshifting goblin sighted by the top of the River Liffey. Takes drunkards on a wild night ride and dumps them in random places. Can be a nice excuse for a night at the pub.



3 LOCH NESS MONSTER

Legend has it that Loch Ness, Scotland has plesiosaur living in its depths. Affectionately named Nessie, a fisherman once spotted her surfacing the loch and snapped a fuzzy picture.



4 SEA SERPENT

A long sinuous monster with the intent of snapping up any overboard sailors. Its strong tail is capable of capsizing ships and is a warning to any seafarers of being too reckless out at sea. This sea monster has been sighted on multiple accounts and is still sighted to this day. The sea serpent tale was first told in ancient Sweden, Norway and England off the coast of Spain and France.

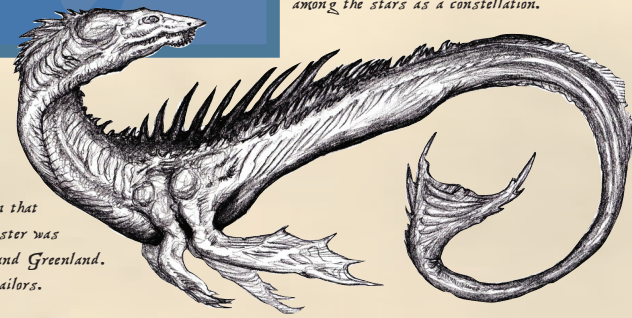


5 MERMAID

also known as a siren. Half fish, half beautiful woman. The mermaids are a species of aquatic beings that are commonly said to be sunbathing on rocks along remote islands of Norway trying to lure sailors to jump overboard where they would be drowned to forever accompany the mermaids in the depths of the sea.

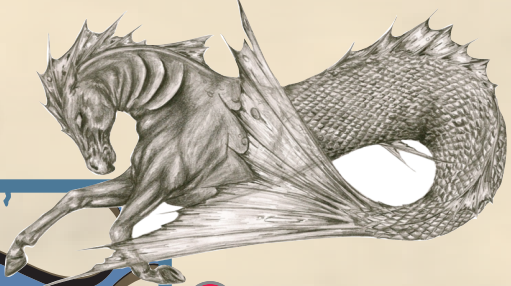
6 KRÁKEN

The Kraken is one of the oldest sea monster tales. It is said to be a giant aquatic denizen that can crush ships with its tentacles. This monster was first sighted in the waters between Norway and Greenland. After destroying the ships it devours the sailors.



9 KELPIE

A shapeshifting water spirit in the lochs and rivers of Scotland. The kelpie is told to warn children away from dangerous waters and women to be wary of strangers. The Kelpie commonly takes the shape of a horse with backward hooves as it carries off its victims.



8 BOLOTNIK

A swampy monster originating from Poland. The Bolotnik pretends to be a stepping stone in a swampy when people pass through, then moves, causing its victims to fall into the mud where they can then be devoured.



7 CETUS

Cetus is a sea monster from Greek Mythology. Cetus is a mix between the sea serpent and a whale. Its tale has been passed down through the ages of Grecian folktales. It now resides among the stars as a constellation.

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